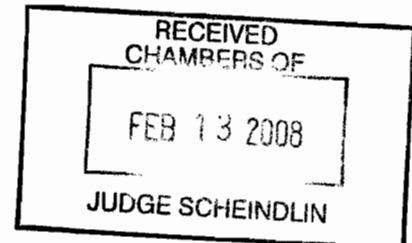


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February 13, 2008



BY HAND

Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1050  
New York, New York 10007

El Shaddai Christian Church v. U.S. DHS  
07 Civ. 11603 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

I am writing respectfully to request an adjournment, to a date and time convenient to the Court, of the initial pretrial conference in the above-referenced civil action that is scheduled for next Thursday, February 14, 2008, because I plan to be out of the Office for medical reasons on the date of the conference. I further respectfully request that Court refrain from adjourning the conference to the following Thursday, February 21, 2008, when I will be out of the Office attending a conference. For the Court's convenience, I have enclosed a courtesy copy of the Government's answer to the complaint in this action, which is being filed today.

Counsel for plaintiffs, Douglas U. Rosenthal, Esq., has graciously consented to this adjournment request. I thank the Court for its consideration of the requests.

Respectfully,

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United States Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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~~RECEIVED~~ Defendant's request  
is granted. The conference  
previously scheduled for  
Feb. 14, 2008 is adjourned to  
Feb. 22, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

Date: Feb. 13,  
2008

SO ORDERED:  
Shira A. Scheindlin, USDC